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SUBJ: ESCAP MEETING OF EMINENT PERSONS ON INDUSTRIALIZATION

1. ESCAP MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY MEETING 28-30 NOVEMBER 1977 RECOMMENDED THAT A GROUP OF MINISTERS CONVENE DURING 1978 TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW STRATEGIES AND POLICIES FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION IN THE REGION. IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTERS' MEETING, STUDIES ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN TO EVALUATE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE AND PROGRESS IN THIS RESPECT.

2. ESCAP IS, ACCORDINGLY, ORGANIZING A MEETING OF EMINENT PERSONS COMMENCING THE THIRD WEEK OF FEBRUARY FOR A WEEK TO TEN DAYS. THOSE IDENTIFIED INCLUDE DR. RAJ KRISHNA, MEMBER, PLANNING COMMISSION, INDIA; DR. SABURO OKITA, CHARIMAN, JAPAN ECONOMIC RESEARCH CENTER, AND PROFESSOR H.C. BOS, DIRECTOR, NETHERLANDS ECONOMIC INSTITUTE. IN ADDITION, ESCAP HOPES THAT PROFESSOR HENRY ROUSOUSKY OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE. HE HAS DONE CONSIDERABLE WORK IN THIS REGION AND WOULD MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROJECT IN DESIGNING A FRAMEWORK FOR STUDIES TO COVER THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF INTEREST SELECTED AT THE RECENT MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY MEETING:

A) STRENGTHENING LINKAGES BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE.

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B) ORIENTATION OF INDUSTRY TO SATISFY THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POOR AREAS.

C) DISPERSAL AND LOCATION OF INDUSTRIES AWAY FROM METROPOLITAN AREAS.

D) DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES AND THEIR LINKAGES WITH LARGE AND MODERN INDUSTRIES.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE REGARDING
THE AVAILABILITY OF PROF. ROSOUSKY AND THE PROSPECT OF FINANCING
HIS PARTICIPATION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE SAME GROUP OF
EMINENT PERSONS WOULD RECONVENE DURING OCTOBER 1978 TO REVIEW AND
FINALIZE THE STUDIES FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GROUP OF MINISTERS.
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